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POST IS VERY MUCH INTERESTED IN THE REVERSE FLOW CONCEPT
OUTLINED BY CU/ARA AND PRESENTS TWO HIGHLY-QUALIFIED LATIN
AMERICANS SCHOLARS FOR CONSIDERATION:

1. DR. OSCAR ABDALA, PROFESSOR OF CONTEMPORARY HISTORY,
UNIVERSIDAD CENTRAL VENEZUELA, UNIVERSIDAD CATOLICA ANDRES
BELLO, AND INSTITUTO PEDAGOGICO NACIONAL. PRESENTLY SABBATICAL,
DR. ABDALA WAS FROM 1971-75 DIRECTOR OF THE HISTORY DEPARTMENT
AND DEAN AT UNIVERSIDAD CENTRAL DE VENEZUELA. HE IS RES-
PONSIBLE FOR DEVELOPING A CORE OF YOUNG HISTORY PROFESSORS
IN US. HISTORY, AND IS AUTHOR OF VARIOUS WORKS, INCLUDING
A TEXTBOOK ON UNIVERSAL HISTORY USED IN THE SECONDARY SCHOOLS
SYSTEM. DR. ABDALA COULD SPEND FOUR MONTHS IN US. STARTING
IN MID-JANUARY.

2. DR. MANUEL PEREZ VILA, DIRECTOR OF HISTORICAL RESEARCH
AT THE BOULTON FOUNDATION AND OF THE MESEUM AT LA GUAIRA;
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF HISTORY AT THE JOURNALISM SCHOOLS OF
UNIVERSIDAD CATOLICA ANDRES BELLO. AUTHOR OF WORKS ON BOLIVAR/
AND ON THE COLONIAL PERIOD AND THE INDEPENDENCE, HE IS ADVISOR
TO THE COMMISSION EDITING THE WRITINGS OF THE LIBERATOR.

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HE HAS LECTURED AT UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA (BERKELY) IN THE

HISTORY DEPARTMENT. DRM PEREZ VILA IS ALSO ON SABATTICAL LEAVE; HE WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR THREE MONTHS AFTER HIS RETURN FROM GREAT BRITAIN IN JANUARY. BOTH SCHOLARS SPEAK ENGLISH FLUENTLY. CLEARANCES RECEIVED.

3. PROFESSOR WINTHROP WRIGHT, UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, WHO RECENTLY LECTURED IN VENEZUELA UNDER THE US. PROFESSOR PROGRAM, HAS STATED THAT THE HISTORY DEPARTMENT COULD SERVE AS A BASE FROM WHICH ONE OR BOTH COULD VISIT OTHER UNIVERISITIES, (PRINCETON, PENNSYLVANIA, PITTSBURG, HARVARD, YALE, NORTH CAROLINA, VIRGINIA, DUKE) ON THE EASTERN SEABORD, FOLLOWED BY A PROGRAM OF LECTURES OR CONSULTATIONS WITH OTHER HISTORY DEPARTMENTS, MUSEUM VISITS, OBSERVATION OF STATE AND MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT IN OTHER SECTIONS OF THE US. (WISCONSIN, CALIFORNIA, TEXAS AND NEW MEXICO). POST BELIEVES WASHINGTON AREA RESOURCES EXCELLENT FOR INITIAL PHASE OF THE PROGRAM, INCLUDING WOODROW WILSON INTERNATIONAL CENTER, NATIONAL ARCHIVES, LIBRARY OF CONGRESS. POST WOULD WELCOME A PROGRAM OF JOINT SPONSORSHIP BY CU AND US. INSTITUTIONS, COMBINING LECTURES, SEMINARS, VISITS TO LATIN- AMERICAN STUDIES AND HISTORY DEPARTMENTS, WHICH WOULD SERVE TO STRENGHTEN PROGRAMS IN THE US. AND WITHIN VENEZUELA. FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS MIGHT INCLUDE SUPPORT FROM INSTITUTIONS, THE CU SPECIAL LATIN AMERICAN LECTURER PROJECT, RESEARCH SCHOLAR AND FOREIGN CONSULTANT PROGRAMS OR POST'S ACADEMIC PROGRAM. PLEASE ADVISE. ASECIO

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